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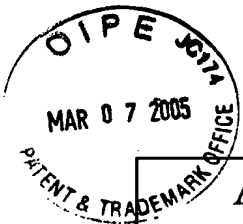
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IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS INCLUDING LOW-LINEAR-DENSITY DOT REGION
Invention: DETECTION UNIT, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE SAME

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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